

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 22, 2009. Claims 1 to 13 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 12 and 13 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner and her Supervisor, Mr. Dah-Wei Yuan, for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded to Applicants' representatives during a telephone interview conducted on April 7, 2010. A statement summarizing the interview follows.

During the interview, the Examiner and her Supervisor indicated that the amendments made herein would overcome the current rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first and second paragraphs). Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner and her Supervisor agreed that the applied art does not appear to disclose or suggest a power supply port constructed to provide a detachable electric connection to a power intake electrode of a fuel cell system. Each of independent Claims 1, 12 and 13 has been amended to include such a power supply port. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter that was also discussed during the interview, the Examiner stated that the next Office communication would indicate consideration of the English language abstract for Japanese Publication No. 2001-351667. In this regard, Applicants confirm receipt of the Interview Summary dated April 12, 2010, and thank the Examiner for the indication that the English language abstract for Japanese Publication No. 2001-351667 has been considered.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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